

PATENT

Docket No.: JCLA16588

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : TATSUYA HAYASHI et al.  
International Application No. : PCT/JP2003/012944  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: